



Block Seminar (PhD)/(MA):

Qualitative Methods of Social Inquiry

This seminar-based course offers a broad introduction to the field of qualitative methods from a comparative perspective and beyond. It aims to situate the use of qualitative methods in different research traditions with the aim to uncover their advantages and limitations. The course is divided in four parts: the first part investigates the meaning of qualitative methods and its links with particular ways to investigate and understand the social world; the second part concentrates on various methods to gather qualitative data; the third (and main part) looks at how primary and secondary qualitative data can be used and analysed. It discusses the importance of theory, causality and how they are linked to the way we interpret and present our data. The final part of the course deals with the assessment of qualitative data and methods – discussing the standards of validity, reliability and generalisability as well as broader questions of ethics in social science research.

Dates: Mondays, 14:00–18:00
11. April, 2. May, 23. May, 30. May, 20. June, 27. June, 11. July

Room: FG1/00.06

ECTS: 8

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Ariadna Ripoll Servent

Office hours: Wednesdays, 11:30–12:30

Eligibility Requirements:

- The working language of this course is English. All coursework must be completed in English.
- Regular attendance and knowledge of the required readings will be expected.
- To obtain a certificate, participants will have to submit a portfolio of two data reports in which they will be asked to develop a research question, use qualitative methods to gather and analyse data.
- Please note: The number of participants is limited. Student registration via FlexNow! is required.